


**Title: *Extension of PEBB open enrollment deadline for coverage effective in 2013 for individuals affected by Hurricane Sandy***

**Policy #41-1**

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**Purpose:**

This policy extends the open enrollment deadline for a Hurricane Sandy "affected individual".

**Definitions:**

Affected Individual: A PEBB subscriber, or the representative of a PEBB member who at the time of Hurricane Sandy resided, lived, or worked in an area impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

**Policy:**

1. The PEBB Program will disregard November 30, 2012 as the deadline by which affected individuals must make an open enrollment election for PEBB coverage effective in 2013. January 15, 2013 is the open enrollment deadline for affected individuals.
2. For the following open enrollment elections, the affected individual's requested enrollment change or new election will be effective January 1, 2013:
  - a. Change health plan election – WAC 182-08-198(1)
  - b. Change premium payment plan election – WAC 182-08-199(2)
  - c. Waive or return from waived health plan enrollment – WAC 182-12-128(1)(b)
  - d. Enroll or remove eligible dependents – WAC 182-12-262(1)(b)
  - e. Remove eligible dependents – WAC 182-12-262(2)(b)(i)

3. For the following open enrollment elections, the affected individual's requested enrollment change or new election will be effective the first day of the month following the date of request:
  - a. Change flexible spending account election – WAC 182-08-199(2)
  - b. Change dependent care assistance program election – WAC 182-08-199(2)
4. The PEBB Program will review the individual's specific circumstances related to Hurricane Sandy to validate eligibility as an affected individual.